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The cited documents were cited during prosecution in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-210189. A copy of the Official Letter from the Japanese Patent Office is attached.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English translations or English language abstracts of the non-English documents are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Official Notice issued by the Japanese Patent Office in Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-210189, dated May 28, 2004.

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